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Research Interests:

- Community Foundations
- Role of foundations in Civil Society
- Foundations
- Public Policy

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Research Statement:

The recent economic downturn has required many community foundations to reevaluate their business model and subsequently, their purpose or mission - do they exist solely to serve donors and build organizational assets, or should the main thrust of their work focus on providing grants and supporting service providers in the community? Utilizing a broad survey of community foundations to assess how an organization covers operational costs, including an in-depth review of staffing structure, mission statements and communication efforts, will help to illuminate organizational priorities. The subsequent comparative analysis will demonstrate trends in the sector and offer insight into community foundations' distinctiveness imperative. Extrapolating the effectiveness, efficiency, usefulness, worth and value of community foundations in the 21st century in the United States will provide substantive information to assist in the establishment of community foundations in developing countries.

Personal Info:

Angie is a Senior Grants Officer for the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) where she serves as a liaison between service providers, the community, and the Foundation's Board advising nonprofit organizations on governance and leadership, financial and programmatic efficacy and effectiveness, and the foundation's grantmaking priorities and processes. An alumna of The University of Notre Dame, Angie studied abroad at the American University of Cairo in 1999 and joined the Peace Corps where she served as a health education volunteer in Moldova (2000-2002). While completing her MPA in Nonprofit Mgmt. and MA in Philanthropic Studies in 2006, she worked as a Research Assistant at The Center for Urban Policy and the Environment and Program Associate at The Clowes Fund, Inc.